

cign minister which was largely responsible for the preservation of peace between other powers during the Balkan war.

In making his announcement in the house of commons, the foreign minister declared:

"Great Britain will remain neutral so long as the conflict is confined to Austria and Serbia. The moment another power is involved, however, the position of this nation will be critical."

Grey urged that the powers bring all possible pressure to bear upon Russia to prevent intervention on behalf of Serbia by the Czar. If these efforts fail he declared a "catastrophe of incalculable consequences" will follow.

Although upon Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany rests the greatest responsibility for peace, diplomats here today regarded the situation as more hopeful because of the action of Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, in suggesting mediation to France, Germany, and Italy.

The gravity with which the prospects of war are viewed was indicated when King George canceled his engagement to attend the Goodwood races this week. He will remain at Buckingham palace until the crisis is passed.

With the consent of Germany, it is believed, Austria would be forced to accept mediation, which diplomats believe is still possible, despite the steps that have been taken toward the invasion of Serbia.

## Austria Firm in Forcing Demands, Relies on Allies

VIENNA, July 27.—Austria is firm in her determination to force Serbia's acquiescence in every demand made in the ultimatum delivered last week. Emperor Franz Joseph is said to have personally directed that extreme measures be taken to break up the Pan-Serbian societies and obtain assurances that all army officers involved in the plot to assassinate Archduke Ferdinand be punished.

## Kaiser and Advisers Discuss War in Secret

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

BERLIN, July 27.—Conferences on which may rest the peace of Europe were in progress this afternoon at Potsdam. With the war spirit rampant in his home country, Kaiser Wilhelm returned today from his summer cruise in Norwegian waters and boarding a special train awaiting him at Kiel hurried to Potsdam where the crown prince and three of his cabinet ministers awaited him.

All Europe believes today that the sole hope of preventing war between Austria and Serbia which may involve all Europe rests with the "war lord." He was given a remarkable reception upon arriving at Kiel. Great crowds at the station joined in singing "Die Wacht am Rhein."

## Servians Mobilize Near Border; Shots Exchanged

BELGRADE, July 27.—Reports circulated throughout Serbia today that King Peter is assured of Russia's support in a war with Austria, aroused even greater determination to resist to the last the demands of the dual monarchy contained in the ultimatum delivered last week.

## Russia Ready to Strike If Serbia Is Attacked

ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—Russia was making every preparation for war today. A strict military censorship was established. All reserves are reported to have been called out.

Should Austria actually strike in the threatened invasion of Serbia, immediate action by the Russian war office will follow, it was predicted today.

Although papers in the capital generally declare that no army is being moved, reports of the Kaiser and the Novorossyskaya declare that only the intervention of the Kaiser can avert war.

At the foreign office the German ambassador has been notified that Russia cannot be expected to ignore an attack upon Serbia by Austria.

No Action Yet by U. S. To Tender Good Offices

No steps have been taken by the Administration to offer its good offices in the present conflict, according to Secretary Bryan today. He classified as "improper" a question as to whether this Government will take such a move.

One high State Department official expressed his opinion today that the conflict will be confined practically to Austria and Serbia, and that the other European nations will keep hands off.

French Cabinet Summons President Poincare Home

PARIS, July 27.—President Poincare will return to Paris immediately from his visit to the Scandinavian states, it was announced today. The decision to have him return was made at the cabinet meeting yesterday.

Premier Viviani is now en route to Paris. The reservists of France have been ordered to be prepared to join the colors on forty-eight hours' notice.

The police and military authorities are making every effort today to prevent demonstrations in front of the

## Panic Seizes All European Markets

War Developments Cause Opening Slump in Consols, But Rally Comes Later in Session—American Railers and Amalgamated Also Affected in London.

LONDON, July 27.—All European stock markets were in a state of panic today, the past thirty-six hours having failed to bring forth any definite development indicating that a disastrous war may be avoided. Consols slumped 1 1/4 at the opening of the London market and all issues were off from one to five points.

Consols dropped to 71, which is 2 1/4 below Saturday's close and a new low record. The previous low mark for the year was 71 1/2 in January and the low record in 1913 was 71 1-16.

There was a rally about 1 o'clock, Consols going up to 72. Home Rails are from 1 to 1 1/2 down. Canadian Pacific touched 176, but recovered to 178 1/2 (equivalent to 174 3/4 on New York exchange, being off five points). Union Pacific was off 3 1/2; Amalgamated Copper was off 2 points.

### START RUNS ON GERMAN BANKS.

Heavy runs were started today on savings banks throughout Germany. In Berlin, Danzig, Saabrucken, Cologne, and other cities savings banks were besieged by depositors, mostly workmen. When the municipal savings bank opened in Berlin today 200 depositors were waiting in line to draw out their savings.

### CZAR PLANS FOR WAR WITH AUSTRIA.

War between Austria and Russia is inevitable, according to the Russian minister of war, as quoted in official messages received here in official channels today. The message added that orders had been issued for complete mobilization of the Russian army.

An official communication issued by the ministry declared the Austrian-Serbian situation to be "disturbing" to Russia and one "to which we cannot remain indifferent" if the conflict continues. The Czar called a meeting of his ministry, presumably to discuss war plans, advices received here stated.

## POSTAL EQUIPMENT SOFT BOILED EGGS BUREAU IS OPENED END HUNGER STRIKE

The new division of equipment of the Postoffice Department, with William I. Denning as chief, was formally established today with the signing of the necessary orders on organization and personnel.

The division will be part of the bureau of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeley, and will have supervisory and administrative functions. The new division will furnish all equipment, such as canceling machines, and motors, adding machines, typewriters, duplicating machines, duplicating machines, multipliers, pencil sharpeners, scales, letter balances, vehicles, automobiles, and mail conveyors and pick-up trucks.

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The division of equipment will pass upon all labor saving and other mail devices submitted to the department, and such appliances cannot be approved without the recommendation of the new division chief. An up-to-date system of cost keeping will be maintained for the entire service.

William I. Denning, recently promoted to the superintendency of the division of dead letters, who will have charge of the new division, will be located at the Postoffice annex, First and K streets northeast. Mr. Denning was born on a farm near Grisswoldville, Jones county, Ga., and entered the service as an assistant postmaster at the age of seventeen.

In 1903 as a result of a competitive examination he became a rural carrier at Grisswoldville, Ga., and after two years in that capacity, was appointed to the position of railway mail clerk. In 1905 he was offered and accepted a clerkship in the department at Washington, where he served under the Second Assistant Postmaster General in a number of divisions, handling special cases of difficult character.

For the last year he served as executive clerk to the Postmaster General. In his odd moments in Washington Denning studied a year and a half on an A. B. course and was graduated in law at George Washington University and is a member of the District bar.

### Record Breaking Year In Pottery Industry

A record breaking year in the pottery industry is reported today by the Geological Survey in a review of this industry for 1913. The value of pottery products for the year was placed at \$7,922,000, the highest yet reported, exceeding that of 1912 by \$1,488,211. Ohio is given first place among pottery producing States.

### Rocks Boat; Two Funerals

KANE, Pa., July 27.—Rocking the boat and splashing the water were two diversions of John Horseback, twenty-nine, and John Cardene, twenty-seven, who went boating on Crystal Spring Lake. Neither could swim. Funerals will be held tomorrow in their home in James City.

EDUCATIONAL Information regarding any of the below schools may be had at the EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION Leipzig Graduate will teach a limited number of piano pupils at reasonable terms. 1619 21st st. N. W.

Washington Business and Civil Service School. 1000 14th St. N. W.

Union Pacific Direct Route to Panama Pacific Exposition S. C. Milbourne, G. Art, 841 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Low Round Trip Summer Tourist Fare to effect now

## SIDDONS PLANS NEW POLICE PENSION BILL

Commission Expects to Wipe Out Deficit and Place Fund on Sound Basis.

With the District indebted to the pensioners of the Police and Fire Departments in the sum of \$5,557.58, Commissioner Siddons, who has directed supervision of these departments, has under consideration a bill which will wipe out this indebtedness, and place the fund on a sound and equitable basis. The bill, after it has received the approval of the Board of Commissioners, probably will be presented to Congress at the beginning of the next session. One of its principal features will be a section providing for the automatic retirement of policemen and firemen after they have reached a certain age limit, and served a certain length of time in the departments. Under existing law, pensions are provided only for those injured or suffering from illness incurred in the line of duty.

Against Police Court Fines. The deficiency during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, amounted to \$2,840. All of this was incurred in the month of June. Payments were made in full during the rest of the year, due to an increase of \$12,000 in the Police Court fines, from which the pension fund is largely derived. The dependence of the fund on the amount of collections in the Police Court is a feature that does not appeal to Commissioner Siddons and one that will be eliminated from the new bill.

Under existing law the police and firemen's pension fund is made of collections of Police Court fines, dog taxes, fines imposed and collected from members of the respective departments, and retainments of \$1 a month from their salaries and money received from the sale of stolen and abandoned property. All deficiencies are made up out of the dog taxes and Police Court fines and when these sources are inadequate, the District is without funds to meet the payments.

### Studies Other Cities' Plan.

Commissioner Siddons is making a careful study of the laws providing for a police and firemen's pension funds in this and other cities, and is now considering a statement, showing exactly the local situation, prepared by Alderman Tweedie, Auditor of the District. His purpose is to be ready to answer any and all questions that may be directed to him by District committees in Congress when the bill is under consideration.

### High Court Affirms Conviction of Dr. Kemp

The mandate of the Court of Appeals affirming the conviction of Dr. Thomas J. Kemp, son-in-law of Senator Fletcher of Florida, of misuse of the mails, was handed down to the District Supreme Court today.

President Wilson has already commuted the two-year sentence of Dr. Kemp, and there is some question whether his action was premature. It is expected that Attorney General Macdonald will direct an investigation into the question and that the President will sign new papers if necessary.

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A POUND A TUMBLER A CAN A POUND

### OTHER LEADERS THIS WEEK

Sultana Lima Beans ..... can 10c  
Lime Juice ..... bottle 35c  
Puffs ..... pkg. 13c  
Ice Cream Salt ..... 10-lb. bag 10c

BEST CREAMERY A Quality Butter From the Finest Creameries  
BUTTER 33c lb.  
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## CUMBERLAND A HERO, SAVES 2 FROM RIVER

Boy and Would-Be Rescued Near Death When Youth Brought Them to Shore.

The hero of the water front today is P. Cumberland, 254 Linworth place southwest. Every one who knows is anxious to shake his hand and congratulate him on the remarkable grit and unselfishness he displayed yesterday afternoon when he rescued two eighteen-year-old Joseph Morris and another man, who had attempted to rescue Morris were drowning. P. Cumberland is only eighteen and looks younger, but he is endowed with the strength and agility of a giant, and has a heart full of love. Consequently when he heard the frantic cries for help, which went up from Morris and the other would-be rescuer, he plunged straight against death in the water near the railroad bridge in Washington harbor, shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon, his heart went out to his stricken companions. He went overboard without hesitation and made right for the men in distress.

And while he aided them to safety, buoying up first one and then the other, a crowd of admirers on the wharf shouted an ovation at the top of their voices. Besides numerous oral congratulations young Cumberland today received letters of commendation for his heroism from several merchants along the waterfront.

### Rates Unreasonable.

Proposed increased lumber rates from Kentucky and Tennessee to Nashville, Tennessee, were declared unreasonable and ordered canceled by the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. Maryland and Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature; light, variable winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:  
U. S. BUREAU AFFLECK'S  
8 a. m. . . . . 75 8 a. m. . . . . 80  
9 a. m. . . . . 78 9 a. m. . . . . 82  
10 a. m. . . . . 80 10 a. m. . . . . 84  
11 a. m. . . . . 82 11 a. m. . . . . 86  
12 noon . . . . . 84 12 noon . . . . . 88  
1 p. m. . . . . 86 1 p. m. . . . . 90  
2 p. m. . . . . 88 2 p. m. . . . . 92

### TIDE TABLE.

High tide—11:14 a. m. and 11:40 p. m.  
Low tide—6:31 a. m. and 6:42 p. m.

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises—4:57 Sun sets—7:15

### JUST A LITTLE POSLAM WILL CLEAR THE SKIN

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Women's Swiss Ribbed Union Suits: vests low neck, plain and crocheted yokes; pants tight knee and umbrella styles. 75c and \$1.00 values . . . . . 59c  
Women's Union Suits, vest low neck and sleeveless, taped, pants tight knee and umbrella style; regular and extra sizes. Three garments, \$1.00, Each . . . . . 39c  
Women's Swiss Ribbed and Cumfy Cut Vests, low neck and sleeveless, regular and extra sizes; also Children's Vests and Pants and Boys' Balbriggan Shirts. 25c value . . . . . 14c

### List of Hosiery

"Onyx" and other well known makes of Women's Silk Mercerized Hosiery; black, white, tan, and gray; also Children's Socks and Long Hosiery. 25c value . . . . . 14c  
Women's Boot Silk and Silk Lisle Hosiery; black, white, tan, navy, gray, etc.; plain and lace effects. 50c value . . . . . 25c  
Women's Pure Silk and Novelty Lisle Hosiery, plain lace and silk embroidered. Values to 75c; 3 pairs, \$1.00. Pair . . . . . 35c  
Women's Pure Silk Hosiery, white, black, and every wanted color to match shoes. Values to \$1.00 pair . . . . . 59c

## 1,000 Dozen Towels Buy One Dozen—at the Wholesale Price

Honest Towels—that will improve with washing. You probably know of dishonest Towels—"loaded" with "dressing," which disappears in the wash and leaves them flimsy—non-absorbing. Buy a dozen honest Towels—while you can—at the wholesale price. Go to second floor.

\$1.20 dozen for hemmed Turkish Bath Towels, size 17x27 inches.  
\$1.50 dozen for Bleached Huck Towels, closely woven, size 20x40 inches.  
\$1.80 dozen for double thread Turkish Bath Towels, 19x39 inches.  
\$3.75 dozen for extra heavy double thread Bath Towels, 22x45 inches.

## This Matting Rug, 12 1/2c —it is 27 x 45 Inches

Other Rugs—only \$2.98 for Grass Rugs 9x12 feet, 49c for 36x72 inches, 39c for 30x60 inches, 29c for 22x54 inches, 19c for 18x36 inches.

## Window Screens, 12 1/2c & 19c —Were 25c and up to 50c

## Screen Doors, 59c and 98c —Were \$1.50 and up to \$2.50

## Writing Paper, Quire 5c Envelopes, 3 Packages for 10c

Superior Linen Writing Paper at 5c quire, and Envelopes, 3 packs for 10c, are only possible during this July Clearing Sale. Tomorrow—the time to secure supplies for future as well as present needs. On first floor, rear of elevators.

## "Hair" at Reduced Prices

Madam Moeller, the famous authority, late of New York, now head of these "Balcony Hair Parlors," is to enjoy her annual vacation shortly, and announces "a great sale" before leaving, beginning tomorrow morning.

\$5 3-Piece Switches, Featherweight \$2.98

\$2 Switches and Transformations 89c

## Miscellaneous

Kiss Curls, \$1.50 sets for 75c; French Rolls, aids to the latest modes, 49c to \$1.50, instead of 75c to \$2.75; Large 50c bottles of Brillantine, only 25c. Balcony Parlors, rear of first floor.

## Art Needlework Department Tomorrow's Best Bargain Spots

Cretonne and natural linen pieces—Pillow Slips at 19c, instead of 25c; Centerpieces, 30-inch, 39c, instead of 50c; Scarfs, 18x54 inches, 39c, instead of 50c.

Pillow Cases, size 36x43 inches, stamped with initial, 29c pair, or 2 pairs for 50c.

At 25c, instead of 50c to 75c—18x54-inch Scarfs, 20 to 30 inch Centerpieces, plain, drawnwork, hemstitched, scalloped and lace trimmed. On first floor-tables, front of elevators.

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